This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

## **In the Claims**

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1.
      (Withdrawn) A colored seed comprising:
      a seed;
      a binder;
      a coating surrounding said seed;
      and a dye and/or pigment within and/or on said coating.
2.
      (Withdrawn) A colored seed comprising;
      a seed;
      a dye and/or pigment coated within and/or on said seed;
      said dye being capable of changing colors based on the acidity of soil.
      (Withdrawn) A colored seed comprising;
3.
      a seed;
      a dye and/or pigment coated within and/or on said seed;
      said dye being capable of changing colors in response to the moisture
content added to the soil.
4.
      (Withdrawn) A colored seed comprising;
      a seed;
      a dye and/or pigment coated within and/or on said seed;
      said dye being capable of changing colors depending on the chemical
content of the soil.
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- 5. (Withdrawn) A colored seed comprising;a seed;a dye and/or pigment coated within and/or on said seed;said dye being capable of deterring animals from eating said seed.
- 6. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said dye is selected from a group consisting of acid, basic and/or direct dye concentrates.
- 7. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said dye is florescent.
- 8. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said dye is an environmentally friendly chemical composition
- 9. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said dye comprises glycerin and/or water and a colorant.
- 10. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein the coating comprises a solid material.
- 11. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 10 wherein said solid material is pre-dyed.
- 12. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said colored seed can be seen during application of said seed.
- 13. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said colored seed can be located after application of said seed.
- 14. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said seed is of the similar or same color of the actual plant, flower, fruit or vegetable.

- 15. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said seed has a color which assists the seed in absorbing heat.
- 16. (Withdrawn) The colored seed of claim 1 wherein said seed has a color which assists the seed in reflecting sunlight.
- 17. (Withdrawn) A fragranced seed comprising;a seed; anda fragrance.
- 18. (Withdrawn) The fragranced seed of claim 17 wherein said fragrance assists a user in determining the acidity of soil.
- 19. (Withdrawn) The fragranced seed of claim 17 wherein said fragrance assists a user in determining moisture content of soil.
- 20. (Withdrawn) The fragranced seed of claim 17 wherein said fragrance assist as a user in determining chemical content of soil.
- 21. (Withdrawn) The fragranced seed of claim 17 wherein said fragrance deters animals from eating said seeds.
- 22. (Withdrawn) The fragranced seed of claim 17 wherein said fragrance is selected from a group consisting of a floral fragrance, a natural fragrance or cocoa.
- 23. (Withdrawn) The fragranced seed of claim 17 wherein said fragrance is approved for use in products directly applied to the skin.

- 24. (Withdrawn) The fragranced seed of claim 17 wherein said fragrance provides a scent which can take on a scent similar to a scent of a product applied.
- 25. (Withdrawn) The fragranced seed of claim 17 wherein said fragrance assists a user in locating said seed after application of said seed.
- 26. (Previously amended) A colored mulch product consisting essentially of; a material comprising a fiber cellulose, clay, loam, sand, and/or a combination of same;
  - a binding agent; and
  - a dye and/or pigment;
  - said dye indicates to a user environmental conditions of the soil where said mulch is placed.
- 27. (Previously amended) The colored mulch of claim 26 further comprising; nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium fortifiers.
- 28. (Previously amended) The colored mulch of claim 26 wherein said dye indicates to a user the acidity of said soil.
- 29. (Previously amended) The colored mulch of claim 26 wherein said dye indicates to a user the moisture content of said soil.
- 30. (Previously amended) The colored mulch of claim 26 wherein said dye indicates to a user the chemical content of said soil.
- 31. (Previously cancelled)

- 32. (Previously amended) The colored mulch of claim 26 wherein said dye is florescent allowing said mulch to glow in the dark.
- 33. (Previously cancelled)
- 34. (Previously cancelled)
- 35. (Previously cancelled)
- 36. (Withdrawn) A colored mulch product consisting essentially of:
- a material comprising a fiber cellulose, clay, loam, sand, and/or
- a combination of same;
- a binding agent; and
- and a black or dark dye and pigments which heats soil where said mulch is placed when said mulch is exposed to sun light.
- 37. (Withdrawn) A colored mulch product consisting essentially of:
- a material comprising a fiber cellulose, clay, loam, sand, and/or
- a combination of same;
- a binding agent; and
- a white or light dye and/or pigment which covers the entire mulch product, reflects sunlight, and reduces heating of soil where said mulch is placed.
- 38. (Currently amended) The colored mulch of claim 26 wherein said mulch is the same or similar color of an actual plant, flower, fruit or vegetable of a seed planted with said mulch to indicate what is planted underneath the mulch.
- 39. (Withdrawn) A fragranced mulch product comprising:
- a mulch product; and

- a separate fragrance distinct from any fragrance from said mulch product; said fragrance changing or appearing to indicate to a user environmental conditions of soil where said mulch is placed.
- 40. (Withdrawn) The fragranced mulch of claim 39 wherein said fragrance indicates to a user the acidity of said soil.
- 41. (Withdrawn) The fragranced mulch of claim 39 wherein said fragrance indicates to a user the moisture content of said soil.
- 42. (Withdrawn) The fragranced mulch of claim 39 wherein said fragrance indicates to a user the chemical content of said soil.
- 43. (Previously cancelled)
- 44. (Previously cancelled)
- 45. (Withdrawn) The fragranced mulch of claim 39 wherein said fragrance provides a scent similar to a flower of a seed planted with said mulch.
- 46. (Withdrawn) A process for coloring seeds comprising: coating said seed with a slurry, paste, or solid coating adding a binding agent;

adding a dye to said coating either prior to said coating being added to said seed, during said coating or after said coating is added to said seed.

47. (Currently Amended) A colored mulch product comprising;
a material comprising a fiber, cellulose, clay, loam or sand and/or a combination of same;

a binding agent; and

a dye and/or pigment;

said colored mulch product produced by [an] <u>lifting and tumbling</u> agglomeration operation.

48. (Withdrawn) A colored seed product comprising:

a seed;

a binder;

a coating; and

a dye and/or pigment within and/or on said coating;

said colored seed product produced by an agglomeration operation.

- 49. (Withdrawn) A colored seed product wherein said color changes in response to a lack of fertilizer.
- 50. (Original) A colored mulch product wherein said color fades or disappears in response to a lack of nutrient or fertilizer in said mulch.
- 51. (Withdrawn) A method for identifying a seed planted under a mulch comprising:

homogeneously blending a colorant of same color as flower of said seed before or after an agglomeration step with a mulch;

placing said colored mulch over said seed.

52. (Previously added) A method for adjusting the chemical content of soil comprising:

placing a colored mulch on top of soil;

changing colors of said mulch based on condition of said soil;

adding chemicals to said soil based on said color of said mulch.

53. (Withdrawn) A method for adjusting the chemical content on soil comprising:

placing a fragranced mulch on top of soil;

changing fragrance of said mulch based on condition of said soil; adding chemicals to said soil based on said fragrance of said mulch.